

### First Baptist Meetinghouse

North Main Street, between Thomas and Waterman Streets, Providence

Erected between 1774 and 1775, this handsome frame building is an important example of late-Georgian church design. Joseph Brown, its architect, based its components on plates from English architect James Gibbs's *Book of Architecture*. The sanctuary, large for its time, has been used for Brown University's commencements since 1776. One of Brown's graduates, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., sponsored a rehabilitation in 1957–1958 that returned the church to a close approximation of its original appearance.